

REMARKS

In section 7 of the Office Action, the Examiner acknowledges that claims 4, 9 and 11-14 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. The limitations of claim 11 have been incorporated into claim 1. The limitations of claim 12 have been incorporated into claim 5. The limitations of claim 14 have been incorporated into claim 10. Claims 11, 12 and 14 have cancelled to avoid duplicity. The Applicants believe that claims 1, 5 and 10 are now in condition for allowance. Claims 2-4, 6-9 and 13 are also in condition for allowance, at least by virtue of their dependency from claim 1, 5 or 10.

Disagreement matter of record

In section 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejects claims 1, 2, 5-7 and 10 under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Nakanishi et al. (US Patent No. 6,337,953). Further, in section 4, the Examiner rejects claims 3 and 8 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nakanishi et al. The Applicants respectfully disagree with the rejections and wish to make their disagreement a matter of record.

For example, the Applicants believe that Nakanishi et al. does not disclose, teach, or suggest the following features recited by the claimed invention:

claim 1: "two fixed members integrally formed on the bracket".

claim 5: "a fixed member integrally formed on the bracket".

claim 10: "a bracket, having two holders, disposed inside the camera"

and "a flash emission tube fixedly disposed inside the bracket by the holders."

However, being desirous to conserve time and funds, the Applicants agree to adopt the Examiner's recommendations. The Applicants understand that claims 4, 9 and 11-14 will be allowed if re-written in independent form including all of the limitations of the base and intervening claims.

The Applicants reserve the right to seek protection for any unclaimed subject matter either subsequently in the prosecution of the present case or in a divisional or continuation application.

The Applicants have attempted to address all of the issues raised by the Examiner in the Office Action as the Applicants understand them. The Applicants believe that the Application is now in condition for allowance. If any point requires further explanation, the Examiner is invited to telephone Troy Cai at (323) 934-2300 or e-mail Troy Cai at tcai@ladasparry.com.

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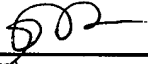
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